

Vandals Hinder ICRN Operations

At least four separate instances of obvious vandalism have caused temporary interruptions of service to listeners of all three ICRN stations for the past two weeks.

The first occurrence, probably on the night of February 15, involved forced entry into the "crawl-space" under the Reynolds and Cubley dormitories. The result of possibly an hour's work was: The wire antenna providing WCCT and WNTC service to the dormitories overhead was cut in about 15 places; at each cut, the wire was joined so the break would not be obvious; many of these joints were then hidden from view behind water and waste pipes.

The vandals struck again about two days later when they entered the hill dorm boiler room. Here they made one hidden cut while also removing short lengths of wire joining circuits at that point. As a result, Brooks and Ross dormitories suffered loss of service of the two campus AM Stations.

Repairs cost more than just labor in the third instance. Returning to the area under Reynolds and Cubley, the vandals cut and removed about 250 feet of cable that carried both program and control signals in part of the circuit leading to the WTSC-FM transmitter in Holcroft Hall. The damage was discovered at sign-on, 6:00 p.m., February 19, when the FM transmitter failed to function. Service to listeners was restored in about one-half hour by a hard-working technical crew.

The fourth and last instance involved, again, the antenna under Cubley. Returning to the scene of their first act, the vandals made several cuts, cleverly concealed, probably on Saturday night.

All cases seem to be purely vandalism. The cable in the FM circuit (described as 250 feet of eight-conductor cable with a black vinyl sheath) would have very little application to general amateur uses, and was apparently taken simply to hinder repairs.

There are no concrete clues for the ICRN as yet. Gary Heyer, president of the ICRN, states that he will give \$10.00 reward to the first person who provides names or clues that will lead to the apprehension of the parties. Leads may be given to Mr. Donahue or Gary Heyer.